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For: INFLUENCING HYPERACTIVE T
CELLS BY PROTEOLYTIC ENZYMES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8.

Please add the following new claims:

9. A method of influencing hyperactive T cells, which method comprises contacting hyperactive T cells selected from the group consisting of tumor antigen-specific, transplant-specific, allergen-specific and virus-specific T cells with at least one proteolytic enzyme and, optionally, rutoside.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the at least one proteolytic enzyme is one or more of trypsin, bromelain and papain.

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